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Subject: OIG Hotline Item 2016-0097

Clay:

The Scientific Integrity staff has reviewed the materials for OIG hotline item 2016-0097 referred to the EPA Scientific Integrity Official Dr. Francesca Grifo on February 12, 2016.

The hotline message was from (b) (6) and involved allegations of mismanagement and possible contract improprieties in the (b) (6) response to public comments related to revisions to the (b) (6). The allegations were made by (b) (6) (b) (6)

In his public comments, (b) (6) questions, (b) (6) (b) (6)

While very important, questions of possible contract performance issues, mismanagement, and improprieties are not violations of EPA's scientific integrity policy.

Therefore, our office will not be taking any further action on this allegation and does not plan to send (b) (6) a response (as it is our understanding is that he is unaware that his comments were submitted to the Scientific Integrity Official for review).

Thanks.

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